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25X1 MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, Security Policy & Executive Staff  
ATTENTION :   
THROUGH : Deputy Director of Security for  
Personnel Security  
SUBJECT : COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS

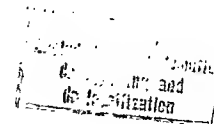
25X1 1. In reply to a memorandum dated 20 June 1966 from  SR&CD, concerning the above subject, this Division has given considerable thought to computer needs for the future.

2. It is the consensus of opinion that the entire security records system has been geared to "names" and there is always a problem in recovering data, when many facts on a situation are known, but the specific identity is not recalled. The same problem applies when we are attempting to determine names and other statistics on categories of personnel problem cases.

3. Further, this Division often receives the question as to the individuals cleared for a particular institution, but there is no reliable, efficient, or expeditious way of handling the inquiry.

4. As an example, personnel of this Division recently conducted a survey on problem cases in which drinking was a significant factor or the employee was known to be an alcoholic. The only way this data could be obtained was to cull the old problem reports and talk to individuals who had been working on problem cases. The same difficulty is encountered when we are asked how many suicides there have been in the Agency; how many Agency employees have travelled to the USSR; how many employees have served in Iron Curtain countries; how many employees have been recruited at a particular college, possibly from a personnel lead source.

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5. It is also felt that all 701 cases and disgruntled ex-employees should be computerized in some manner.

6. It is believed that in the future certain patterns concerning "unknown subjects" could be computerized for retrievable purposes. This category could include obscene phone calls to Agency female employees and phone calls to senior Agency officials.

7. In the past there has been a keen interest in leaks to the news media. It would appear that as one phase of such inquiries there should be a quick, efficient means of determining those employees who have had press contacts. This could be extended to close associates of prime suspect cases, degree of access, etc.

8. In the preparation of "damage assessment" on individuals who are leaving the Agency, it is felt that with the development of computer methods, and codeword system of clearances, something might be done in the direction of preparing such assessments or studies on all employees. This information, if it were available from computerization, would be immediately available in case of a serious security problem.

9. The question is often raised as to who is cleared and what is the level of clearances on the topic of corporations, foundations, and educational institutes. In some cases, one organization will have individuals who hold every conceivable type of clearance, covert and overt, sensitive and non-sensitive. If such information was computerized, it would be immediately available to this Office.



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